



***San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission***

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DRAFT MINUTES

January 13, 2005

Meeting Location: California Department of Fish and Game
4949 Viewridge Avenue
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COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT
Jack Bransford, Chair	1
Paul Kelpin	1
Florence Sloane	2
Ben Tulloch, Secretary	2
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D, Vice-Chair	4
Jim Dodd	4
Mike Pottorff	5
Jim Conrad	5

A. Meeting called to order at: 6:33 p.m.

B. Introductions:

The Commissioners introduce themselves and gave a brief background.

Rob Wilder and Teresa Barth attended the meeting as potential Commissioners for the 3rd District, Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. Both future Commissioners introduced themselves and gave a brief background on their interests and activities related to wildlife in the County.

Gerald Borjeson from the State of California, Department of Fish and Game.

Dawn Nielsen, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner serving as staff from the County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures.

C. Minutes for December 9, 2004 were approved.

D. Public Comment

Gerald Borjeson serves as a Game Warden for the Department of Fish and Game in San

Diego County. He spoke about numerous violations issued by game wardens where fines were either reduced significantly or dismissed. He said approximately 15% of violations issued never make it to court. The types of violations vary including take over limits, and no licenses. He was asking the Commissioners for assistance in ensuring that courts understand the significance of fines and ensuring appropriate and sufficient enforcement to deter repeat offenses.

E. Chairman's Report –

None

F. Administrative Items:

Old Business

1. Commission Video Project - (Pottorff/Conrad)

Commissioner Conrad reported that he viewed the last video and found it acceptable, but not as spectacular as some of the other videos. Commissioner Pottorff is checking into the possibility of transferring all the videos onto a DVD.

2. San Diego Freshwater Fish Project (Pottorff)

Department of Fish and Game issued a letter to Mark Drawbridge at Hubbs-Seaworld allowing the recovery and rearing of eggs from the Rainbow Trout currently living at the Nature Center. Seaworld will be receiving Proposition 12 funds of \$30,000 for rearing the eggs. Commissioner Pottorff lead a discussion regarding acquiring an emergency \$10,000 grant for collection of the eggs. Staff reported that the County of San Diego Administrative Code, set two funding meetings per year and the funding meetings are set for January and July. Since there is a limited amount of time to harvest the eggs, Commissioner Pottorff directed staff to find how an emergency project can be funded.

3. Monthly Meeting with CDFG (Chuck Raysbrook)

No meeting held since the FWAC meeting. A meeting is scheduled next week with Commissioners Sloane, Conrad and Bransford.

4. 2005 Fish and Game Commissioners Conference (Bransford)

The location has not been announced. The next one is May 13, 2005, location to be announced.

5. Legislative Issues to be brought before the Board of Supervisors/2003.2004 Annual Report Draft (Bransford/Sloan)

Staff submitted the preliminary semi-annual report including the concerns approved by the Commissioners at the last meeting. Commissioner Conrad thought that the words, "detail the decision-making process" should be removed. Staff also suggested that the wording should dovetail into the County's operational plan and strategic plan of Kids, Safe and Livable Communities and the Environment. Staff will work on wording and email to the Commissioners.

6. Update on Grants

Staff gave a report on the status of the grants from the last grant meeting. Originally, each

year, the FWAC had been appropriated \$39,500 for funding grants. This past grant cycle, due to the large volume of grants, and the amount of money in the FWAC fund, the FWAC decided to appropriate an additional \$61,985.47. This additional appropriation required approval from the Board of Supervisors, and was included in the budget change proposal.

The budget change proposal was heard before the Board in December. Due to the time lag in funding, staff sent a letter to the grantees requesting which grantees could not wait for their funding. Staff made partial payments to these grantees. The request for payment for all grantees have now been made and are in the process. Staff indicated that at the February meeting she will present a total of funds available, and the Commissioners can decide how much \$\$\$ they wish to appropriate for the upcoming fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. Discussion ensued regarding payment of money from the courts. A motion was made (Conrad) and seconded (?) to request county counsel to advise the Commission on obtaining an auditable accounting of funds due to Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Review Grant Evaluation Form (All Commissioners)**

Staff submitted grant evaluation forms to provide guidance in the decision making process, especially when a large number of grants are submitted. The Commissioners agreed to review the form for additional attributes for the next meeting.

8. **Grant Application (Bransford)**

The following grant application was submitted:

Grant #	Project Name	Funds Requested	Organization	Contact
2004-18	Oceanside Senior Anglers Kids Sponsored Fishing Trips	\$5,000	Oceanside Senior Anglers	Fred Kaczmark

The motion was made and seconded to fund the grant. A grant was previously awarded to this group, and the outcome was very positive.

9. **Status of Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commissioners (Bransford)**

Commissioner Bransford reported that the vacant positions in District 3 will be filled by Teresa Barth and Rob Wilder. The Administrative Code states that potential candidates for Commissioners need to attend one meeting prior to accepting appointment to their positions. Staff submitted a list of the Commissioners including basic information such as name, address, phone numbers and email addresses.

New Business:

Update on Grants

1. **Report on Al Taucher SubCommittee Meeting in Sacramento**

Commissioner Conrad gave an overview of the Al Taucher's Preserving Hunting and Sport Fishing Opportunities Advisory Committee in Sacramento on December 16, 2004. Both he and Commissioner Sloane attended. The purpose of the committee is to make recommendations of funding to the Fish and Game Commission to enhance activities such as hunting, fishing and other wildlife activities. Commissioner Sloane discussed topics covered at the meeting. Commissioner Conrad will email the minutes of the meeting to the Commissioners.

G. Commissioner's Corner

Commissioner Bransford invited Commissioners to attend the San Diego County Wildlife Federation Meeting held Monday, January 17, 2005. Unless otherwise announced the SDCWF will always meet on the third Monday of each month in the Sizzler Restaurant at 3755 Murphy Canyon Drive. This site is located in Daley Square. From I-15 go west on Aero Drive, turn right at the 2nd signal light (and look to your right). The meetings will start at 6:30 PM SHARP. If you plan to eat dinner, please try to arrive by approximately 5:30 PM. There is a full and interesting agenda planned for this meeting.

Commissioner Conrad discussed the effects of illegal immigration on the wildlife in the County especially the Hauser Wilderness area. These effects include disturbance of habitat, the taking of wildlife, fires, etc. He urged the Commissioners to review this subject in the upcoming year.

Commissioner Dodd stated he will be attending the Safari Club International (SCI) Sportsman Alliance Conference in Nevada at the end of the month. He solicited the other Commissioners to forward items for discussion at this meeting.

H. Adjournment Time: 8:55 pm